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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Donald L. Mills	2616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7,10 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamano (US Pat. 6,636,516 B1).

With regards to claim 7, Yamano discloses a carrier router (figure 2) comprising: a backbone router (figure 2 reference 212) including: a public network interface for connecting to a public data network (column 3 lines 45-48); and a sub-endpoint for a tunnel having a network address in an address space of said public data network (figure 2 router 212 is interpreted as a sub-end point of a tunnel with the router's address in the address space of the public data network; and a customer virtual router (figure 2 reference 204) including: a private network interface for connecting to a private data network (figure 3 reference 301); and a sub-endpoint for said tunnel having a network address in an address space of said private data network (router 204 is the sub-end point of the tunnel with an address in the address space of the data network) (column 3 lines 42-45).

3. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Garrett et al. (US Pub. 2002/0038419 A1) (hereinafter Garrett).

With respects to claims 10 and 11, Garrett discloses a method of receiving a packet, said packet having public source and destination addresses and private source and destination addresses (figure 4), said method comprising: receiving said packet from a node in a carrier data network; forwarding said packet to a first tunnel sub-endpoint having said public destination address; at said first tunnel sub-endpoint, removing said public source and destination addresses from said packet; forwarding said packet to a second tunnel sub-endpoint; and at said second tunnel sub-endpoint, forwarding said packet to a device having said private destination address (figures 6 & 7, paragraphs 17 and 19).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 04 May 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

On page 7 of the remarks, regarding claim 7, the Applicant argues Yamano does not disclose two sub-endpoints. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Claim 7 does not recite two, distinct sub-endpoints.

On page 7 of the remarks, regarding claims 10 and 11, the Applicant argues Garrett does not disclose two sub-endpoints. The Examine respectfully disagrees. Garrett discloses receiving a packet with a destination address at the router (first end-point) and de-encapsulates the packets and then forwards the packet to the original destination address (second end-point) field after decapsulating the packet. Therefore, Garrett discloses two sub-endpoints.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald L. Mills whose telephone number is 571-272-3094. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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